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# Town Officers.

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## ELECTED BIENNIALLY.

*Moderator,*

FRANK H. PEARSON.

*Representative to General Court,*

W. LESLIE DINING.

*Supervisors of the Check List,*

WILFRED H. BATCHELDER,

PAUL W. GOODSOE,

PERCY JEWELL.

## ELECTED ANNUALLY.

*Town Clerk,*

IVORY J. CHAMBERLIN.

*Selectmen,*

W. LESLIE DINING,

CHARLES J. BREWSTER,

JAMES T. ROBY.

*Town Treasurer,*

ISAAC S. WIGGIN.

*Collector of Taxes,*

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE.

*Auditors,*

GEORGE L. BARKER,

GEORGE W. DIXON.

## ONE ELECTED EACH YEAR FOR THREE YEARS.

*Board of Education,*

FRANK H. PEARSON,

ALBERT C. LANE,

BERNARD COPPING.

*Library Trustees,*

RICHARD M. SCAMMON,

GEORGE L. BARKER,

ANNIE W. SCAMMON.

## APPOINTED.

*Police Officers,*

JOHN F. EMERY.

ALBERT E. WEST.

*Board of Health,*

FRED N. EDMUNDS,

JOHN W. MARSH,

CHARLES GRANT, JR.

# Town Warrant.

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[L. S.] THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the celebration of Old Home Day.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to rebuild and widen Grist Mill Bridge.

5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of the brown tail moth.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and nine.

W. LESLIE DINING,  
CHARLES J. BREWSTER,  
JAMES T. ROBY,

*Selectmen of Stratham.*

# Selectmen's Report.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

County tax.....	\$1,340 95
Contingent fund.....	1,001 00
Highway tax .....	1,179 67
Library tax .....	55 80
Old Home Day.....	50 00
Brown tailed moths.....	382 00
State tax.....	890 00
Bridge notes .....	500 00
Schools, by law .....	1,395 00
Supervisory district .....	150 00
Extra .....	275 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Overlay.....	124 84
Due the town for removing moths .....	66 55

\$7,560 81

## VALUATION.

Polls, 169 .....	\$16,900 00
Land and buildings.....	327,901 00
Horses, 216 .....	13,915 00
Oxen, 2 .....	100 00
Cows, 538 .....	14,530 00
Other neat stock, 96 .....	1,525 00
Sheep, 197 .....	639 50
Hogs, 6.....	90 00
Fowls, 805 .....	367 50
Carriages, 8 .....	350 00
Stock in corporations in this state.....	1,500 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit....	1,300 00
Stock in trade .....	3,934 50
Mills and machinery .....	525 00

\$383,577 50

Town rate of taxation on one hundred dollars, \$1.95.

District rate of taxation on one hundred dollars, .52.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

*Dr.*

George W. Dixon, note at 4 per cent.....	\$500 00
George W. Dixon, note at 4 per cent.....	500 00
Charles E. Pickering, note at 4 per cent .....	750 00
Charles E. Pickering, note at 4 per cent .....	500 00
Charles E. Gear, note at 4 per cent .....	1,500 00
Exeter Banking Co., note at 5 per cent .....	300 00
Exeter Banking Co., note at 5 per cent .....	500 00
Trust funds .....	150 00
Outstanding bills, approximately.....	100 00

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\$4,800 00

*Cr.*

## MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Uncollected taxes .....	\$383 67
Overdraft, scholars' tuition.....	111 50
Supplies on hand .....	50 00
Balance on hand.....	438 81

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\$983 98

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Total indebtedness Feb. 15, 1909, approximately ....\$3,816 02

A decrease of \$210.80 for the year.

W. LESLIE DINING,  
CHARLES J. BREWSTER,  
JAMES T. ROBY,

*Selectmen of Stratham.*

# Treasurer's Report.

## TREASURER ISAAC S. WIGGIN'S RECEIPTS, 1908-1909.

Balance from last year .....	\$912 77
Received of Albert Cottrell, cemetery lot .....	15 00
Exeter Banking Co .....	500 00
I. J. Chamberlin, dog tax .....	87 25
W. L. Morse, cemetery lot .....	15 00
Newfields on account of Stratham and Newmarket bridge.....	119 25
Railroad tax .....	195 02
Savings Bank tax.....	845 13
Literary fund.....	76 23
School fund.....	150 00
High school tuition.....	38 70
A. W. Dean, state engineer, state high- way.....	326 38
J. K. Bates, county treasurer .....	177 25
A. E. West, janitor of Town Hall...	18 06
J. E. Stockbridge, collector of taxes	7,291 50

\$10,767 54

## TREASURER WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

### ABATEMENTS.

Geo. B. Wiggin, soldier's exemption.....	\$19 50
Andrew J. Edmunds, poll.....	1 95
James P. Clare, taxes of 1907-1908.....	19 50
Isaac S. Wiggin, highway tax .....	3 22
Irving Leavitt, non-resident tax .....	3 38
Stephen Beal, real estate .....	3 90
Sanford G. Parker, soldier's exemption.....	19 50
Paul W. Goodsoe, wood lot.....	1 95
S. M. Pearson, highway tax .....	5 43
Geo. E. Frost, wood lot .....	3 90

\$82 23



## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Marshall S. Chase, supplies for Jas. T. O'Brien .	\$9 21
Fred N. Edmunds, services .....	8 37
Charles Grant, Jr., services .....	11 50
Fred N. Edmunds, aid furnished Mrs. Wentworth, diphtheria case .....	43 15

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\$72 23

## COUNTY CHARGES.

George H. Odell, groceries for Mrs. Wentworth .	\$78 00
George W. Dixon, wood furnished Mrs. Wentworth.....	36 50
Jos. T. Smart, rent for Mrs. Wentworth .....	18 00
Prescott Coburn, cutting wood for Mrs. Wentworth	18 45
Jas. T. Roby, supplies for Mrs. John Hoyt.....	1 35
Dr. McLachlan, professional services for Mrs. John Hoyt.....	15 00
J. T. Flynn, hack to County farm.....	5 00
W. L. Dining, transportation to Laconia.....	4 95

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\$177 25

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

R. M. Scammon, trustee, library tax.....	\$55 80
Louie A. Mugridge, librarian .....	32 65

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\$88 45

## STATE HIGHWAY.

W. L. Dining, superintendent .....	\$978 00
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## OLD HOME DAY.

Mrs. J. T. Smart, treasurer.....	\$50 00
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

John F. Emery, chief of police .....	\$18 74
Albert E. West, police officer .....	8 00

W. L. Dining, services after auditing .....	\$11 00
C. J. Brewster, services after auditing .....	6 00
J. T. Roby, services after auditing .....	5 35
F. N. Edmunds, police officer.....	4 00
I. J. Chamberlin, town clerk.....	14 00
I. J. Chamberlin, district clerk and treasurer ....	10 00
Isaac S. Wiggin, treasurer.....	50 00
Isaac S. Wiggin, services after auditing .....	5 00
G. A. Thompson, supervisor.....	18 00
F. H. Barker, supervisor .....	18 00
J. E. Chase, supervisor.....	18 00
Bernard Copping, services on school board.....	18 75
Frank H. Pearson .....	21 50
Albert C. Lane.....	5 25
James E. Stockbridge, collector .....	91 14
Geo. W. Dixon and Geo. L. Barker, auditors.....	6 00
W. L. Dining, selectman .....	61 50
C. J. Brewster, selectman .....	32 25
J. T. Roby, selectman .....	35 25

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\$457 73

#### NOTES AND INTEREST.

Exeter Banking Co., interest on note (\$500).....	\$25 00
“ “ “ “ (\$300).....	15 00
“ “ note and interest .....	511 83
Charles E. Gear, interest on note.....	80 00
Charles E. Gear, reducing note and interest on same	506 66
Charles E. Pickering, interest on notes .....	50 00
George W. Dixon, interest on notes.....	40 00

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\$1,228 49

#### STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

John K. Bates, county tax .....	\$1,340 95
Solon A. Carter, state tax .....	890 00

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\$2,230 95



## GREENWOOD CEMETERY.

Arthur H. Craig, labor .....\$19 05

## PRINTING.

John Templeton, town accounts.....\$40 00

John Templeton, supplies for town officers ..... 6 13

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\$46 13

## ELECTION OFFICERS.

W. Leslie Dining .....\$30 00

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Ivory J. Chamberlin, treasurer .....\$2,309 98

## SCHOLARS ATTENDING APPROVED SCHOOLS.

Portsmouth High school.....\$120 00

Exeter High school..... 250 00

Robinson Seminary ..... 427 00

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\$797 00

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

D. C. Heath & Co ..... \$8 07

American Book Co..... 5 62

E. E. Babb & Co ..... 144 63

Silver, Burdett & Co..... 10 80

William H. Day..... 2 96

F. H. Pinkham ..... 2 00

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\$174 08

## STRATHAM HILL PARK.

W. L. Dining, wire and labor..... \$7 91

John Haley, labor..... 3 00

Libby & Odell, posts..... 6 00

James Swinehammer, dropping top mast ..... 5 00

Charles J. Brewster, labor ..... 3 00

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\$24 91

## BROWN TAIL MOTH WORK.

SPRING OF 1908.

William A. Dining.....	\$36 00
Elliott Cooper.....	24 25
W. L. Dining .....	9 48
C. M. Dining .....	7 00
Edward Tuttle .....	26 25
Harry Cushman .....	43 80
Prescott Coburn.....	43 10
Willis E. Brewster .....	45 15
Edgar Wentworth .....	3 00
J. S. Smart .....	11 25
C. J. Brewster.....	24 50
Lester Brewster.....	31 80
Raymond Scammon .....	14 30
George Dewhurst.....	22 50
Irving L. Godfrey .....	9 50
L. T. Crouse .....	2 00
A. H. Otis.....	5 25
James T. Roby .....	9 50
Burbank Severance .....	10 25
Merton Wentworth.....	1 88
Chester William .....	1 50
George W. Dixon .....	4 80
	<hr/> \$387 06

WINTER OF 1908-9.

Charles J. Brewster.....	\$184 66
James T. Roby .....	120 15
W. L. Dining .....	6 00
Hilliard & Kimball, supplies .....	6 00
	<hr/> \$316 81

BONDS.

D. W. Baker, treasurer's bond .....	\$12 00
collector's bond .....	12 00
I. J. Chamberlin, district treasurer's bond .....	5 00
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# HIGHWAYS—SUMMER ROADS.

James T. Roby, surveyor.....	\$86 25	
John W. Marsh, surveyor .....	61 94	
George M. Hall, surveyor .....	35 15	
John S. Brewster, surveyor.....	19 95	
Albert A. Haven, surveyor.....	37 20	
George W. Parkman, surveyor .....	25 61	
Arthur H. Jewell, surveyor .....	39 20	
C. J. Brewster, surveyor .....	51 25	
George H. Bowley, surveyor .....	42 75	
George R. Brewster, surveyor .....	70 00	
W. L. Dining, surveyor .....	11 00	
Asa J. Chapman, surveyor.....	37 00	
Dewitt C. Chapman, surveyor .....	37 20	
George E. Delano, surveyor .....	37 75	
	—————	\$592 25

# TOWN HALL.

George W. Dixon, wood .....	\$11 25	
C. J. Brewster, supplies .....	1 40	
H. W. Anderson, coal.....	24 00	
J. F. Emery, coal .....	13 09	
J. W. Field, chairs .....	12 00	
	—————	\$61 74

# WATERING TROUGHS.

A. J. Chapman .....	\$3 00	
Charles L. Hanson .....	3 00	
George W. Dixon .....	3 00	
George E. Gowen, two years .....	6 00	
	—————	\$15 00

# BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

C. J. Brewster, railing bridge .....	\$3 00	
Augustus Young, tile .....	38 12	
S. S. Brackett, plank .....	20 00	
	—————	\$61 12

## MISCELLANEOUS.

J. E. Stockbridge, advertising and sale of property	\$4 08
Peter Cote, labor .....	2 55
W. W. McIntire, tuning piano.....	2 50
Good Roads Machine Co., knife for road machine	8 50
H. J. Willey, flags for soldiers' graves.....	2 00
F. N. Edmunds, lunch for election officers.....	2 60
Benj. F. Witham, sheep killed by dogs.....	5 00
I. J. Chamberlin, to Concord with ballots .....	5 50
J. F. Emery, settlement of bridge account .....	10 00
W. W. McIntire, tuning and repairs on piano.....	4 34
W. L. Dining, to Concord to settle with state treasurer .....	5 50
George H. Odell, supplies .....	6 35
Dr. A. M. Chesley, return of births and deaths ...	7 00
Dr. A. M. Chesley, professional services.....	18 00
Jas. H. Batchelder, supplies .....	4 85
Albert C. Lane, justice fees.....	1 50
Town of Newfields, on account of Stratham and Newmarket bridge.....	9 00

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 \$99 27

## RECAPITULATION.

Abatements .....	\$82 23
Brown tail moths, spring of 1908 .....	387 06
Brown tail moths, winter of 1908-1909.....	316 81
Bonds .....	29 00
County charges .....	177 25
Greenwood cemetery.....	19 05
Highways .....	592 25
Printing .....	46 13
Notes and interest .....	1,228 49
Old Home Day.....	50 00
Public Library .....	88 45
Support of schools .....	2,309 98
Supplies for schools.....	174 08



Scholars attending approved schools.....	\$797 00
State and county taxes .....	2,230 95
State highway.....	978 00
Town hall .....	61 74
Town officers.....	457 73
Watering troughs .....	15 00
Stratham Hill park.....	24 91
Board of health .....	72 23
Bridges and culverts .....	61 12
Election officers .....	30 00
Balance on hand.....	438 81
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	\$10,767 54

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STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer Isaac S. Wiggin, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance in his hands of four hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents.

GEORGE L. BARKER,  
 GEORGE W. DIXON,  
*Auditors.*

## Collector's Report.

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Amount of tax for 1908.....	\$7,560 81
Uncollected tax of 1906 and 1907 .....	302 16
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	\$7,862 97
Paid treasurer.....	\$7,279 91
Discount.....	136 94
Abatements .....	62 45
Uncollected .....	383 67
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	\$7,862 97
Paid treasurer, interest \$11 59.	

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE, *Collector.*

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STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector of Taxes James E. Stockbridge, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, with a balance of three hundred and eighty-three dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$383.67) uncollected taxes.

GEO. L. BARKER,  
GEORGE W. DIXON,

*Auditors.* •

## Town Officers' Bills.

Town of Stratham to W. LESLIE DINING, DR.

March,	To one day in session.....	\$2 00
April,	taking inventory .....	10 00
	wood and lumber.....	2 00
	Exeter on account of town note.....	1 00
	two days in session.....	4 00
May,	making taxes .....	10 00
	writing collector's book .....	2 00
	Mr. Brewster's and Mr. Roby's.....	1 00
	making return of railroad stock .....	2 00
	appointing surveyors .....	1 00
June,	return to secretary of state.....	2 00
	removing dangerous tree from highway	3 00
July,	Portsmouth twice .....	2 00
	copying extra invoice .....	2 00
Aug.,	consulting with state highway officials	4 00
Oct.,	drawing juror.....	50
Dec.,	sending out moth notices.....	2 00
	Exeter on town business.....	1 00
Feb.,	twelve evening sessions .....	6 00
	two days in session.....	4 00

\$61 50

Received payment,

W. LESLIE DINING.

Town of Stratham to C. J. BREWSTER, DR.

1908.

Mar. 24,	In session .....	\$2 00
	To Concord .....	4 50



Apr. 1,	To 1 day examining woodlot.....	\$2 00
15,	1 day in session .....	2 00
16,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session.....	1 00
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing surveyor .....	1 00
July 8,	Dining's .....	50
Aug.	Portsmouth, two days .....	2 00
Oct. 10,	drawing juror .....	50
	Portsmouth.....	1 25
Dec. 19,	Dining's .....	50
1909.		
Jan. 2,	Exeter.....	50
24,	Mr. Barnard's on account of F. Marston.....	50
25,	County Farm with F. Marston .....	2 00
Feb. ,	twelve evening sessions .....	6 00
12,	in session .....	2 00
13,	in session .....	2 00
15,	in session .....	2 00
		<hr/> \$32 25

Received payment,

C. J. BREWSTER.

Town of Stratham to JAMES T. ROBY, DR.

Mar. 24,	To preparing inventory blanks.....	\$2 00
26,	Concord and expenses.....	4 50
Apr. 1,	appraising wood and lumber .....	2 00
2, 3, 4,	taking inventory .....	10 00
15,	making assessments .....	2 00
Nov. 11,	Brewster's, Dining's and Portsmouth.	2 00
Jan. 25,	Portsmouth to see county commis- sioners .....	1 25
Feb. 12, 13, 14,	in session .....	6 00
	eleven evening sessions.....	5 50
		<hr/> \$35 25

Received payment,

JAS. T. ROBY.

## Town of Stratham to F. H. PEARSON, DR.

1908.		
Feb. 14,	To Exeter and division 2 .....	\$1 00
“ 25,	visiting divisions 1 and 2.....	1 00
27,	about town on school business.....	1 00
28,	revising and posting check list .....	50
Mar. 12,	visiting divisions 3 and 4.....	1 00
14,	Mr. Dining's .....	50
May 14,	visiting divisions 1 and 2.....	1 00
June 5,	division 2 .....	50
10,	divisions 3 and 4.....	1 00
22,	meeting of supervisory district.....	75
July 10,	meeting of supervisory district.....	75
Aug. 28,	Mr. Morse's .....	50
Oct. 21,	division 1 .....	50
23,	division 2 .....	50
	division 3 .....	50
Nov. 23,	division 4 .....	75
Dec. 14,	visiting division 1 .....	50
15,	visiting division 3 .....	50
17,	visiting division 2 .....	50
28,	cleaning stove funnel, division 3 .....	75
1909.		
Jan. 18,	division 2 on account of stove .....	50
Feb. 1,	visiting all schools .....	3 00
	6 meetings of school board.....	3 00
	telephone and postage .....	1 00
		<hr/> \$21 50

Received payment,

F. H. PEARSON.

## Town of Stratham to BERNARD COPPING, DR.

For services on School Board.

1908.		
Feb. 26,	paid for school warrants.....	\$0 25
Mar. 9,	To visiting school, division 2.....	50

Mar. 13,	To new hinge, and hanging door at division 1.....	\$0 35
Apr. 1,	supplies to school, division 2.....	25
8,	supplies to school, division 2.....	25
10,	visiting school, division 4.....	50
May 14,	fetching supplies from Exeter .....	40
29,	visiting school, division 2.....	50
July 10,	Newmarket on supervisory business .	1 00
Sept. 9,	supplies to school, division 2.....	25
11,	supplies to school, division 3.....	25
24,	visiting school, division 2.....	50
Oct. 2,	supplies to division 2.....	25
3,	visiting school, division 1.....	50
9,	visiting school, division 4.....	50
10-16,	taking school census .....	6 00
Nov. 8,	supplies to school, division 2.....	25
Dec. 9,	supplies to school, division 2.....	25
1909.		
Jan. 11,	supplies to school, division 2.....	25
	visiting school, division 3.....	50
13,	visiting school, division 1.....	50
Feb. 3,	visiting school, division 3 .....	50
	attending 5 school board meetings...	2 50
	stationery and stamps .....	75
	Paid Snell for carrying packages from depot .....	1 00
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		\$18 75

Received payment,

BERNARD COPPING



# Town Hall.



## REPORT OF ALBERT E. WEST, JANITOR TOWN HALL.

### RECEIPTS.

Winnicut Grange .....	\$27 11	
Jr. O. U. A. M.....	3 35	
Dances and other entertainments .....	67 00	
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		\$97 46

### EXPENSES.

Geo. H. Odell, oil and supplies .....	\$11 65	
Albert E. West, janitor.....	67 75	
Paid Treasurer Wiggin, in cash.....	18 06	
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		\$97 46

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STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Janitor Albert E. West, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. LESLIE DINING,  
CHARLES J. BREWSTER,  
JAMES T. ROBY,

*Selectmen of Stratham.*

# State Highways.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, HIGHWAY DEPT.

### STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT.

STRATHAM, N. H.	Dec. 22, 1908.
Town contribution.....	\$559 50
State contribution .....	335 40
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Total joint fund.....	\$894 90
Town disbursements approved.....	\$978 00
State disbursements.....	9 02
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Total disbursements .....	\$987 02
Paid by state to town .....	\$326 38
Overdraft .....	\$92 12

A. W. DEAN, *State Engineer.*

### ACCOUNT OF W. LESLIE DINING, SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE HIGHWAY.

*Dr.*

Received of Treasurer Wiggin .....\$978 00

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Albert E. West, labor .....	\$21 00
Uri A. Lane, labor .....	21 00
Wm. Darbyshire, labor.....	17 50
Thomas Murphy, labor .....	6 00
John Parks, team .....	36 00
Harry Syphers, labor and team .....	61 50
James T. Roby, team.....	51 00
Charles J. Brewster, team and labor .....	77 00
Arthur H. Craig, team .....	36 00

Geo. W. Parkman, team .....	\$36 00
Albert A. Haven, team .....	39 00
Geo. R. Brewster, team .....	44 00
Herbert S. Barnard, team .....	48 00
Geo. W. Chase, team .....	36 00
Geo. M. Hall, team .....	12 00
Benj. Pray, team .....	46 00
Chester Caverly, team .....	20 00
Charles Grant, labor.....	15 75
Elliott Cooper, labor .....	8 25
L. G. Thomas, labor .....	15 00
A. H. Otis, labor .....	21 50
Ralph Otis, labor .....	3 00
Prescott Coburn, labor .....	16 50
John Hoitt, labor.....	13 00
Louis Lane, labor.....	9 00
Stephen Beals, labor .....	9 75
Irving Godfrey, labor .....	13 50
Joseph Currier, labor.....	21 00
A. J. Edmunds, labor.....	17 25
John Day, labor .....	10 50
Frank Smart, labor .....	16 50
F. H. Pearson, team .....	8 00
George Delano, team .....	36 00
A. J. Chapman, team and labor.....	53 00
W. L. Dining, team and labor.....	82 50

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\$978 00

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STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.

We have this day examined the accounts of W. Leslie Dining, superintendent of state highway, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE L. BARKER,  
GEORGE W. DIXON,

*Auditors.*



# Report of Library Trustees.

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Additions to the library during the year include four books presented by the authors and forty-nine purchased from the appropriation, making the total number added fifty-three. A considerable number of books, having become too worn for circulation, have been taken from the list. Additional shelf room is urgently needed.

Financial statement for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909 :

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1908.....	\$17 15	
Annual appropriation.....	55 80	
Fines .....	9 31	
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		\$82 26

## EXPENDITURES.

1908.

Apr. 24, Chas. E. Lauriat Co., books.....	\$3 62
Oct. 6, W. C. Gibson (four bills), books.....	10 05
Oct. 17, Chas. E. Lauriat Co., books.....	40 36
Oct. 17, American Express.....	50
Dec. 8, Edson C. Eastman, books.....	1 00

1909.

Feb. 15, Louie A. Mugridge, library supplies....	5 70
Cash on hand.....	21 03

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\$82 26

We have this day examined the above accounts of Library Treasurer Richard M. Scammon, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of twenty-one dollars and three cents in his hands.

GEO. L. BARKER,  
GEORGE W. DIXON,

*Auditors.*

Feb. 15, 1909.

## ANNUAL LIST OF NEW BOOKS.

A21	Photography for Young People,	Tudor Jenks
D16	Poems,	Celia Thaxter
D17	Collected Verse,	Rudyard Kipling
D18	Ballads and other Poems,	George L. Raymond
D19	A Life in Song,	" "
D20	The Aztec God and other Dramas,	" "
D21	The Poems of Thomas Bailey Aldrich.	
H116	A History of the United States Navy,	John R. Spears
H117	An Eye-Witness in Manchuria,	Lord Brooke
H118	The Story-Life of Lincoln,	Wayne Whipple
H119	The Wonders of the Invisible World,	Cotton Mather, D.D.
H120	Remarkable Providences,	Increase Mather
M47	The Great American Fraud,	Samuel H. Adams
M48	Why Worry?	George L. Walton, M. D.
M49	Mind and Work,	Luther H. Gulick
M50	Confessions of a Railroad Signalman,	J. O. Fagan
T88	Adventures Among the Wild Beasts,	H. W. G. Hyrst
T89	The Story of the New England Whalers,	John R. Spears
T90	Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast,	Samuel A. Drake
U69	New Creations in Plant Life,	W. S. Harwood
U70	Farm Management,	Fred W. Card
9B5	The Shuttle,	Frances Hodgson Burnett
24B2	Rose MacLeod,	Alice Brown
30B3	Forward Pass,	Ralph Henry Barbour
43B	The Post Girl,	Edward C. Booth
44B	Reminiscences of a Ranchman,	Edgar Beecher Bronson
5C2	The Sunny Side of the Hill,	Rosa Nouchette Carey
21C4	Mr. Crewe's Career,	Winston Churchill
29C4	The Firing Line,	Robert W. Chambers
34C	The Substitute,	Walter Camp
35C	Chatterbox,	J. Erskine Clark
11D5	Round the Fire Stones,	A. Conan Doyle
7E	Meryl,	William T. Eldridge
6F4	The Trail of the Lonesome Pine,	John Fox, Jr.

18G1	Cupid, the Cowpunch,	Eleanor Gates
35H2	A Spirit in Prison,	Robert Hichens
8J2	Lewis Rand,	Mary Johnston
12J	Williams of West Point,	Hugh S. Johnson
10L3	Cy. Whittaker's Place,	Joseph C. Lincoln
31M6	The Man from Brodney's,	Geo. Barr McCutcheon
7O	The Great Secret,	E. Phillips Oppenheim
12R1	The Wooing of Calvin Parks,	Laura E. Richards
19R	The Circular Staircase,	Mary R. Rinehart
26S1	Five Little Peppers Midway,	Margaret Sidney
26S2	Five Little Peppers Grown Up,	" "
17T	The Guest of Quesnay,	Booth Tarkington
3W7	The Old Peabody Pew,	Kate Douglas Wiggin
27W5	The Riverman,	Stewart Edward White
31W1	The Testing of Diana Mallory,	Mrs. Humphrey Ward

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. BARKER,	} Library
ANNIE W. SCAMMON,	
RICHARD M. SCAMMON,	
	Trustees.



# REPORT OF IVORY J. CHAMBERLIN, TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STRATHAM, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909.

## RECEIPTS.

Amount in Treasurer's hands .....	\$438 74
Raised by town as required by law .....	1,335 00
District in excess .....	275 00
Literary fund .....	76 23
Supervisory fund .....	150 00
Dog tax .....	61 75
Tuition fees for non-resident pupils .....	39 25
Raised for repairs by district .....	150 00
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	\$2,525 97

## RESOURCES.

Amount in Treasurer's hands .....	\$438 74
1908.	
May 14, received of Town Treasurer .....	250 00
June 12,   "       "       " .....	100 00
Aug. 4,     "       "       " .....	200 00
Sept. 10,   "       "       " .....	200 00
11, tuition fees from Greenland .....	39 25
Oct. 6, received of Town Treasurer .....	200 00
Nov. 25,   "       "       " .....	150 00
Dec. 8,     "       "       " .....	350 00
1909.	
Feb. 8,     "       "       " .....	859 89
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	\$2,787 88

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers.....	\$1,425 00
Salary of Superintendent.....	300 00
Care of buildings .....	76 49
Fuel.....	51 61
Incidentals .....	4 30
Repairs .....	281 21
Cash on hand.....	649 27
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	\$2,787 88

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We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of School Treasurer Ivory J. Chamberlin, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance in his hands of six hundred and forty-nine dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$649.27).

GEORGE L. BARKER,  
 GEORGE W. DIXON,  
*Auditors.*

Feb. 13, 1909.

# Annual Report of the School Board.

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## ORGANIZATION.

FRANK H. PEARSON, . . . . . Chairman.  
BERNARD COPPING, . . . . . Secretary.  
ALBERT C. LANE, . . . . . Truant Officer.

## CALENDAR, 1908-09.

Spring term, . . September 8 to December 18, 15 weeks.  
Winter term, . . . January 5 to March 19, 11 weeks.  
Spring term, . . . April 5 to June 11, 10 weeks.

At a meeting of the School Board the following report was submitted by Superintendent Channing Folsom, and it was voted to accept his report and print it as the annual report of the board.

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## Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

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TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF STRATHAM:

*Gentlemen:* I hereby submit my second annual report as superintendent of your schools.

## STATISTICS.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as authorized by law, requires certain statistical information annually. A transcript of the answers to his questions of last July is given below.

Whole number of different pupils.....108

Boys..... 58

Girls ..... 50

Whole number of different pupils over five years of  
age who have attended at least two weeks .....104

Boys..... 57

Girls ..... 47

Number under five years of age ..... 0

Number over sixteen years of age ..... 3

Number between five and sixteen ..... 101

Average attendance in all schools..... 91

Average absence in all schools ..... 6

Average membership of all schools ..... 97

Per cent. of attendance daily .....93.8

Number of pupils not absent or tardy ..... 8

Number of cases of tardiness ..... 211

Number of visits by members of school board ..... 43

Number of visits by superintendent ..... 106

Number of visits by parents and others ..... 277

Cost per pupil for text-books and supplies .....\$1.79

Total expenditure per pupil .....23.84

Enumeration of children by agent of school board, September, 1908:

Number of children between five and sixteen .....120

Boys..... 65

Girls ..... 55

Born in New Hampshire..... 94

Born elsewhere in the United States..... 24

Born in foreign countries..... 2



ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1908.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	Entire registration.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Average absence.	Average membership.	Per cent. of attendance daily.	Number of tardinesses.	Number of pupils not absent or tardy.	Number of visits by Superintendent.	Number of visits by School Board.	Number of visits by parents and others.
Division I.....	Alice A. Gould.....	32	19	13	25	3	28	90.8	61	1	30	9	76
Division II.....	Mollie F. Flynn .....	41	24	17	40	1	41	97.8	10	7	27	17	135
Division III....	Mary L. Nixon.....	21	9	12	14	2	16	85.7	61	0	20	7	31
Division IV .....	<div> <div>Helen F. Stickney, } 1st term.</div> <div>Edna G. Smith, } 2d term....</div> <div>Winnie B. Daniels, } 3d term.....</div> <div>Mary T. Towle, }</div> </div>	14	6	8	12	1	13	93.8	79	0	29	10	35

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

As a matter of record and reference the following statement of resources and expenditures, as compiled from the books of the district treasurer, is made a part of this report:

## RESOURCES.

From previous year .....	\$438 74
Raised by town as required by law .....	1,335 00
district in excess .....	275 00
Received from State, literary fund .....	76 23
Supervisory fund .....	150 00
Surplus from dog licenses .....	61 75
Tuition fees for non-resident pupils .....	31 00
Raised by district for repairs, etc .....	150 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers.....	\$1,425 00
Salary of superintendent .....	300 00
*Care of buildings .....	76 49
Fuel.....	51 61
Incidentals .....	4 30
Books and supplies, books, \$104.92; supplies, \$69.10 ....	174 02
Repairs .....	281 21

## ATTENDANCE.

A comparison of the foregoing attendance statistics with those of the preceding year will show a decrease of twenty-three in the entire year's enrollment; the same average membership for the two years; with a larger average daily attendance, a smaller average daily absence, and an increased percentage of attendance daily for the school year ending July, 1908; the number of cases of tardiness has been reduced sixty-nine.

I have instituted this comparison for the reason that in no other way have I been able to get any encouragement from a study of the school registers. *Excuses* rather than *reasons* are still given

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\*Includes janitor service, cleaning, and schoolhouse supplies.

for absence ; children still stay away from school from whim, impulse, or convenience rather than necessity. Parents, in too many cases, look upon regularity and punctuality as *fads* of the teacher or superintendent, of trifling importance in themselves.

In my report to you a year ago, I said, "Though the parents are primarily at fault for the irregularity of their children, the teacher cannot avoid a share of the responsibility." I now wish to emphasize that idea. The teacher, more than all others, can create a right attitude on the part of the school ; can inculcate right ideas, and train to right habits. Some correct idea of a teacher's efficiency can be gained from an examination of the school register.

*Roll of Honor.* The pupils named below were not absent or tardy during the school year :

Division I.—Vera M. Tuttle.

Division II.—Eva Butler, Ruth Godfrey, Myra Jewell, Vernon Bond, Maurice Cottrell, Charles Darbyshire, Arthur Morse.

#### THE SCHOOLS.

Citizens of Stratham expect their children to enter the High schools of the neighboring towns fully equipped to compete with pupils from the larger schools in those towns. This is right, and it is our duty to so equip them. But in justice to our teachers, it should be borne in mind that in each of our schools the work of the eight grades must be covered, while in the graded schools of the city or large towns one or two grades only are assigned to a teacher. Our teachers consequently have less time for individual work, less opportunity to strengthen the weak places of an irregular or backward pupil.

Arrangements have been made with the proper authorities for admission of Stratham children to the Portsmouth High School, the Exeter High School, and Robinson Female Seminary without examination, provided they hold a certificate of qualification from your superintendent.

The course of study which the teachers are directed to follow is "The Program of Studies for the Common Schools of New Hampshire," issued by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as authorized by law.

## THE SUPERINTENDENT.

A superintendent of schools has but one duty laid down by law, viz.: he must have full charge of all employment certificates granted to children under sixteen years of age. In all other respects his duties and powers are such as are delegated to him by the School Board. The rights and powers of the board are specified by law; but the board may delegate any of these to the superintendent. It follows that a considerable variation in the superintendent's work may exist in different towns, even in towns of the same supervisory district. It is, however, generally agreed,

1. That the superintendent should be the executive officer of the board in its relation to the schools. That all orders, resolutions, votes, or directions relating to the teachers should be communicated to them through the superintendent.

2. He makes such reports as the board desires, either oral or written, in regard to the schools and the several teachers, meeting the board in person, whenever requested to do so, and in some cases at regular times. He makes all statistical reports required by law to the state and the district.

3. Janitors and the truant officer are placed under the direction of the superintendent and made responsible to him to the end that he may be held accountable for care of buildings and attendance of children.

4. In case of a vacancy in any teachership, the superintendent presents a suitable candidate to the board for election by them.

5. He recommends suitable text-books to the board, and confers with the purchasing agent as to the character and quality of the supplies to be furnished to the children.

In most towns, the superintendent purchases books and supplies, and has entire charge of their care and distribution.

It is self-evident that no material should be placed in school without the approval of this officer, if he is to be held accountable for results.

6. He consults with the teachers; observes their methods, giving criticisms in private; endeavors to assist them to do better work; explains to them, individually and in teachers' meetings,



what seem to him the best methods of teaching all the different subjects ; keeps them in touch with the course of study ; he gives frequent tests of the result of the school work, and points out reasons for failure ; in short, he places himself in the position of adviser and helper rather than that of mere critic, and the greater the freedom in consultation the greater the helpfulness.

7. He is responsible for endorsing all promotions from class to class in the school, and passes upon the qualifications of those who wish to enter secondary schools.

8. He conducts all teachers' examinations ordered by the board.

9. It is the duty of the superintendent to know the educational history of the state, to be familiar with educational progress through the country, and to understand the laws of the state relating to the powers of the district, the duties of the school boards, and the reciprocal relations of the teacher to the pupil and parent.

10. He listens to complaints of parents, and finds a remedy when the complaint proves well founded.

The superintendent of schools is an employe of the school board, subject at all times to its direction. He executes the directions of the board, and performs the duties prescribed by law to the board, which it has delegated to him ; but at the same time he must be an expert teacher, ready at all times to take a class and illustrate methods of teaching. I have thought it desirable to present this topic somewhat in detail, for the reason that there is much misconception and misunderstanding of the work of a superintendent of schools.

#### CONCLUSION.

I take pleasure in acknowledging the cheerful co-operation of the teachers in carrying out suggestions offered by me, without which any superintendent's work would be doomed to failure. A superintendent may plan, may criticize, may suggest, but the results must be obtained by the teacher's daily work.

I thank the board for its confidence in me.

Respectfully,

CHANNING FOLSOM,

*Superintendent.*

# School Warrant.

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in district affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 20th day of March, 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools.
8. To see if the District will vote to rescind its vote relative to supervision and withdraw from the Newmarket-Epping District.
9. To see if the District will vote to paint the schoolhouse in Division 2 and raise and appropriate money for the same.
10. To see if the District will vote to build a fence on the northerly side of the schoolhouse yard in Division 1 and raise and appropriate money for the same.
11. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this second day of March, 1909.

FRANK H. PEARSON,  
BERNARD COPPING,  
ALBERT C. LANE,

*School Board.*

**BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1908.**

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Living or Still-born.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	No. of Child.					
April 10	Florence E.	F	4	L	Fred H. Wentworth	Rosie E. Cote	Stratham	Norton Mill, Vt.
10	Carmine L.	M	3	"	Frank H. Barker	Laura Snell	Stratham	Nova Scotia.
May 20	Henry	"	6	"	John J. Haley	Belle Lanette	Exeter	Canada.
June 9	William	"	4	"	William Darbyshire	Sarah M. Smith	Cohoes, N. Y.	Hartford, Conn.
24	Frederick E.	"	4	"	John J. Smart	Susan White	Portsmouth	Deerfield.
28	Nelson P.	"	6	"	Charles N. Lane	Lillian S. Chapman	North Hampton	Stratham.
Aug. 2	Lawrence G.	"	1	"	Robert K. Otis	Frances T. Halleran	Stratham	Portsmouth.
26	Perley J.	"	9	"	Perley J. Wells	S. Jennie Wentworth	Epping	Stratham.
Sept. 1	Florence M.	F	8	"	Arthur H. Thompson	Mary B. Chase	Stratham	Stratham.
Aug. 27	LeRoy S.	M	2	"	George E. Chapman	Edith Wentworth	Stratham	Stratham.
Dec. 18	Lena B.	F	3	"	Howard M. Wiggan	Lizzie B. Thurston	Stratham	Newton.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1908.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 24	Stratham	William H. Richardson Anna E. Young	27 29		Lewiston, Me. Newport	Joseph G. Richardson Susan A. Cloak Charles H. Young Susan L. Hutchinson Freeman H. Burleigh Annie L. Advers Joshua B. Stearns Mary S. Holmes Edwin W. Goodsoe Helen M. Sanderson Charles H. Thompson Maria H. Thompson Benaiah Wiggins Jennie M. Wiggins John H. Day Sabra A. Lewis James W. Snell Annie B. Halliday William H. Swain Mary A. Craig Asa E. Jewell Josephine Wiggins George N. Leighton Ellen F. Harriman		Rev. W. L. Phillips, Newmarket.
Sept. 2	Manchester	Ralph W. Burleigh Etta L. Stearns	30 33		Stratham Deerfield			Rev. Thos. Chalmers, Manchester.
Oct. 28	Stratham	Paul W. Goodsoe M. Evelyn Thompson	24 22		Kittery, Me. Stratham			Rev. W. S. Thompson, Hampton Falls.
Nov. 19	Stratham	George H. Wiggins Mabel E. Murray	40 30		Stratham Greenfield			Rev. Bernard Copping, Stratham.
Nov. 25	Stratham	William B. Snell Phoebe E. Swain	24 25		Stratham New Brunswick			Rev. T. W. Sparks, Stratham.
Dec. 22	Portsmouth	Ralph L. Jewell Sarah J. Leighton	26 29		Stratham No. Conway			Rev. G. W. Farmer, Portsmouth.



DEATHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1908.

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Jan. 3	Harriet I. Rollins	22		4	Melrose, Mass.	F		M	Walter E. Burr	Alice Johnson.
21	Clara E. Gordon	53	11	24	Epping	"		W	Josiah B. Wiggin	Eleanor H. Smith.
Feb. 28	Benaiah Wiggin	68	11	8	Stratham	M		M	Joseph F. Wiggin	Mary N. Stevens.
April 7	James W. Foss	71	7	9	Stratham	"		"	James Foss	Hepsabeth Badger.
June 19	Betsey G. Lyons	75	9	4	Thorndike, Me.	F		W	Elijah Gordon	Barbara Horton.
Sept. 9	Albert A. Batchelder	65	6	16	Newton	M		M	David P. Batchelder	Betsy Carter.
Dec. 13	Ann B. Harvey	87	3	1	Portsmouth	F		"	James H. Robinson	Hannah Goodrich.







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